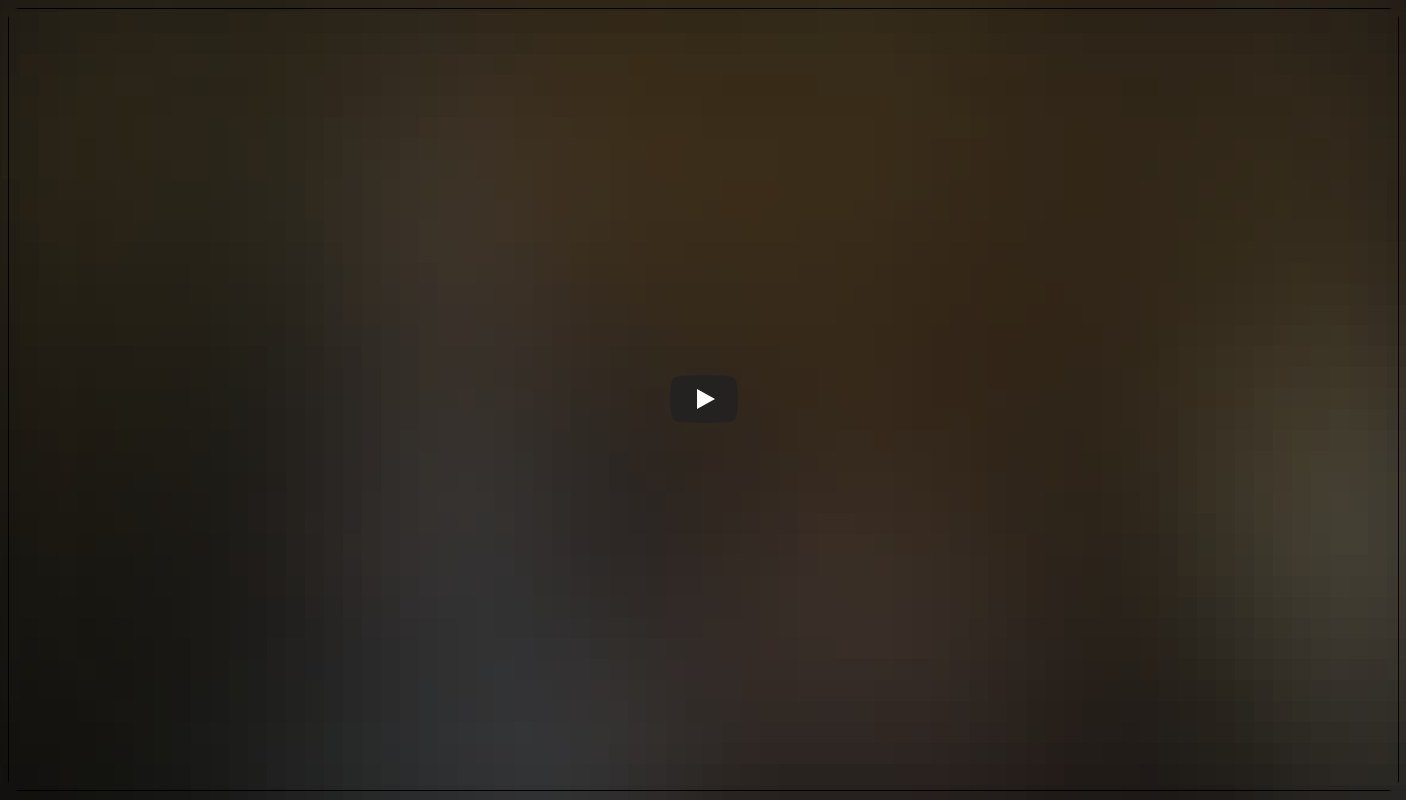

The Plan To Destroy America's Oldest Natural History Museum

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On the 1st of September, Drexel University made the announcement that they plan to permanently close the Academy of Natural Sciences; the oldest natural history museum in all of the Americas. The news came as a shock to everyone from locals to the the staff of the museum themselves who learned about closure on the same day as everyone else. Now the fate of this historic institution and the millions of rare and valuable artifacts within it hang in the balance. Join me as we fight back against this attack on science and help save the Academy.

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/ geosplore
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And YouTube: @GeoSplore

HOW TO SAVE THE ACADEMY:
Step 1: Go to this link
https://save-the-academy.org/

Step 2: Sign this petition
https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/p...

Step 3: Email Drexel University's president Merlo's office:
president@drexel.edu
In this email CC dew39@drexel.edu and hyb23@drexel.edu (Drexel's Community Relations Department and Financial Officer & Treasurer)
BE PROFESSIONAL AND RESPECTFUL!

Pick one of these topics:
- The danger to the collections
- A specific artifact that stood out to you
- Concern over the lack of public engagement
- Think of the children
- Or anything else about this situation that stood out to you

Write a little bit about it in your own words and add it to this email:

To whom it may concern,
I am writing to express my opposition to the closure of the oldest natural history museum in the Americas, The Academy of Natural Sciences. The museum and its collections represent an irreplaceable part of our history, as a nation and as a continent, and the decision to close it is misguided and against the will of the people who the museum exists to serve.
This decision was made without consulting the people or attempting to find a reasonable path forward to keep The Academy open. Beyond the obvious damage to the priceless artifacts within The Academy, this decision is also guaranteed to become an enormous stain on the reputation of Drexel that the people on whom your institution relies will not soon forget.
I stand with the thousands of others who advise you to overturn the decision to close The Academy at the end of the month, provide more transparency about your motivation for closing it and work with the people, community, institutions and city of Philadelphia to find a path forward to keep The Academy open for generations of curious minds to come.
Do the right thing,

Send to president@drexel.edu, dew39@drexel.edu and hyb23@drexel.edu

Step 4: submit a written comment to the mayors office
You can use this one (but change it up a bit)

I want to write to express my concern over Drexels' decision to close the Academy of Natural Sciences. I believe that this decision will do immense harm to our national heritage and community. Myself and many others implore you to fight to preserve this irreplaceable institution so it may continue to serve the community for years to come.

Step 5: express your support to the city council members fighting to save the Academy: https://phlcouncil.com/council-members/
Or contact your stat rep: https://www.palegis.us/find-my-legisl...

Step 6 (if you are brave): Call Drexel University's president Merlo's office to express your concerns
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@miniminuteman773 14 hours ago (edited)
Holy moly. Four hours in and you guys have already doubled the amount of names on the petition. Cant imagine what Merlo's inbox looks like right now. Keep spreading the word! We can do this 💪
EDIT: 16 hours after launch and we have 30,000 NEW signatures on the petition! You guys are incredible! Lets keep this up!
4.7K Reply

131 replies

@Usernameisadmin 18 hours ago
new rule: if the museum is old enough to be in a museum then we should make it a museum forever.
9.3K Reply

60 replies

@colin-me 18 hours ago
This is a great example of why public assets can't be trusted in private hands
6.2K Reply

• 61 replies

@cdl1701 18 hours ago
"Move the collection" AKA "sell everything to wealthy private owners"
6.2K Reply

• 54 replies

@Licho935 4 hours ago
We live in the dumbest timeline bro, tf you mean a university wants to close the oldest standing collection of artifacts on the continent just because "it's too expensive". Horseshit.
357 Reply

7 replies

@captainwolf3805 19 hours ago
My first thought was that they were breeding a perfect environment to "lose" some of the artifacts.
4.9K Reply

• 35 replies

@Nightingale_time 18 hours ago
As a Philadelphian: there's no fucking way we're letting Drexel win, ESPECIALLY not without making a scene.
2.7K Reply

• 33 replies

@liwoszarchaeologist 12 hours ago
not only a war on science, but a historically massive heist in broad daylight and plain view.
1.5K Reply

12 replies

@lara-ce2kg 4 hours ago
This is 100% greed. That is the only explanation for why the new owner would close it. So he can sell off whatever priceless artifacts they have
192 Reply

4 replies

@Ninjastahr 16 hours ago
I work at a university. NOTHING gets done in just one month, let alone shuttering an entire museum. This is genuinely insane.
2.9K Reply

• 28 replies

@lightlysaltedman 19 hours ago
the academy of the natural sciences survived 200 years by itself and closes within 15 years of drexel management
1.5K Reply

• 62 replies

@sircory9377 10 hours ago
Same type of people that 'sold' a STILL UNDER STUDY T-Rex skeleton in a museum to a Hedge Fund owner
550 Reply

4 replies

@erickalear7609 4 hours ago
Not from Philly, but AM from Pennsylvania. I saw my first real dinosaur there, my kids saw their first real dinosaur there, and now I find out my grandkids won't get that chance? Oh, I'm heated.
73 Reply

@GingerVampire1917 18 hours ago
"Restricting information and deleting articles is equivalent to Burning Books."
994 Reply

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Melody Moon
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@jp47427 19 hours ago

Academy of Natural Sciences was one of my favorite places as a kid, and part of the inspiration for the degree I chose to pursue. I am FUMING and feel so helpless, so glad y'all are talking about this

3.2K Reply

• 22 replies

@PrestonDuncan-u7i4w 19 hours ago

ICE literally has a budget larger than NASA's. Surely they can spare a fraction of that budget for education?

3K Reply

• 99 replies

@Disgiotter 5 hours ago

20,000 students go to Drexel, tuition is 65k a year. That is 1,356,420,000 a YEAR they make off of JUST tuition

107 Reply

2 replies

@kassievernoy5093 18 hours ago

This sounds like a good way to make super rare things disappear to rich peoples collections and an effort to wipe out everyone's access to history

1.3K Reply

8 replies

@PowellGFX 19 hours ago

They are 100% trying to destroy/gatekeep knowledge from the layman.....

1.6K Reply

• 20 replies

@one-autistic-cat 3 hours ago

Commenting for boost! Signed the petition immediately. This whole situation is INSANE. Don't lose hope yall. Sending love from Poland. We can save this institution!!

17 Reply